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TRANSMITTAL OF REISSUE APPLICATION

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SIR:

Transmitted herewith is an application for reissue of U.S. Patent No. 5,532,246,
originally issued on July 2, 1996.

U.S. Patent 5,532,246 is currently involved in Interference No. 104,396 and 104,524.
This reissue application is being added to the former interference by Motion under 37 C.F.R.
§1.633(i) and (h).

The application seeks a reissue of U.S. Patent No. 5,532,246 to add claims 10-15 and
thereby provide protection for subject matter narrower in scope than the presently claimed
subject matter. The subject matter in new claims 10-15 is disclosed in the specification. See,

e.g., column 1, lines 47-61; column 2, lines 4-32 and 43-47; column 4, lines 4-7 and 12-15; and column 7, lines 6-7 and 49-59. Thus, claims 10-15 do not constitute new matter.

The subject matter sought to be claimed by new claims 10-15 is of an intermediate scope. The claimed subject matter was part of the subject matter originally disclosed in the application, but was not specifically claimed. Furthermore, the subject matter of claims 10-15 is within the scope of independent claim 1 of the patent.

Applicants believe their original patent U.S. Patent No. 5,532,246 is wholly or partly inoperative by reason of the patentees failing to contain claims of intermediate scope. Such claims of intermediate scope can provide a "hedge" against invalidity arguments that might be raised by third parties (as has occurred in Interference 104,396). See, e.g., *See In re Handel*, 136 U.S.P.Q. 460 (CCPA 1963), and *Hewlett-Packard Co. v. Bausch & Lomb Inc.*, 11 U.S.P.Q.2d 1750 (Fed. Cir. 1989), sanctioning such intermediate claims in a reissue application as "error."

Submitted with this Transmittal are:

- Reissue Patent Application Transmittal Form PTO/SB/50.
- The specification of the reissue application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.173, indicating new claims 10-15. Note that the reissue application has been amended to incorporate the corrections listed on the five page Certificate of Correction.

Respectfully submitted,



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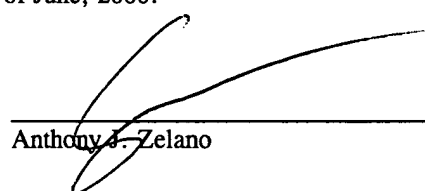
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